The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My family has lived in rural central Illinois for over 30 years, and during most of that time we have been 'orphans' when it came to cable TV. When we finally were able to get cable in Fairmount, IL, we were very disappointed with the price that we were to pay monthly.

Even though we received only 30 channels at the time, we were forced to pay the same rate as Danville, IL did. Danville was receiving over 50 channels at the time, so we were being forced to pay for all of the channels that we were not able to receive!

When we purchased satellite TV, it was a real God-send, to say the least! I chose DISH instead of Direct TV because it included Spanish speaking channels at no extra cost.

With the merger of DISH and Direct TV, I would also be able to use broadband Internet services. This is also something that rural Illinois has a big need for.

Please vote 'yes' for the merger of the two satellite companies.

Sincerely,

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